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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed 08/27/01 to which a response is
due 11/27/01, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIM

11. The rope cleat of claim 1 wherein:

said abutment means is a plurality of abutments, each having an
abutment surface;

a plurality of cams;

[a plurality of spindles;]

a plurality of spindles mounted on said base surface;

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